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SUBJECT: ECUADOR-US EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PERU BORDER  
PROBLEMS

REF: AMB SHLAUDEMAN'S MAY 25 MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION  
WITH ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR VASCO

1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR, DIRGEN OF  
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, ON JUNE 8, POLCOUNS MENTIONED MAY 25  
CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADORS SHLAUDEMAN AND VASCO IN LIMA  
WHEN VASCO PROFESSED NO KNOWLEDGE OF RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS.  
POLCOUNS EXPRESSED OUR BEWILDERMENT ABOUT AMBASSADOR VASCO'S  
INABILITY TO SPEAK TO THESE PROBLEMS AND ASKED WHETHER VASCO  
WAS APPRISED OF THE INCIDENTS OR WHETHER HE WAS RELUCTANT  
FOR SOME REASON TO DISCUSS THEM WITH HIM AMERICAN COLLEAGUE.

2. LUNA TOBAR SAID THAT THAT HE WAS AS BEWILDERED AS WE ARE. HE  
STRESSED THAT GOE AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY WAS  
EXTREMELY DESIROUS OF KEEPING THE US INFORMED OF ALL  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECUADOR-PERU PROBLEM AS PROMPTLY AND  
AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS POLICY, HE SAID, EXTENDED TO  
CONTACTS WITH US AMBASSADORS IN KEY CAPTIALS. LUNA TOBAR  
STATED HE HAD ASSUMED THAT VASCO HAD BEEN INFORMED OF  
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THE INCIDENTS, BUT SINCE HE (LUNA) HAD BEEN ATTENDING A  
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA FOR A FEW WEEKS DURING THESE  
EPISODES, IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT HIS DEPUTY FAILED TO  
FOLLOW UP AND NOTIFY VASCO. LUNA THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IN  
ALL THREE COUNTRIES' INTEREST THAT AN INTIMATE AND CANDID  
DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR AMBASSADORS IN LIMA BE MAINTAINED.  
HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND MAKE THAT POLICY

CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED.

3. ON JUNE 13, LUNA TOBAR TOLD CHARGE THAT HE HAD  
LOOKED INTO THE MATTER AND SATISFIED HIMSELF THAT VASCO HAD  
BEEN PROPERLY INFORMED. HE CONJECTURED THAT VASCO,  
WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED, WAS BEING OVERLY-CAUTIOUS IN  
DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM WITH AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMANN. HE  
SAID THAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO VASCO,  
URGING HIM TO BE FULL AND FRANK IN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS.  
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